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SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE

A thing of beauty is the great San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, shown on our front cover. This is the world's largest bridge. This aerial view, looking toward the Berkeley hills, shows the two-mile twin suspension bridges of the West Bay Crossing in the foreground, while in the background is seen the 1400-foot cantilever span of the East Bay Crossing stretching toward the Oakland shore.

This great bridge, which is being built under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Works, of which Earl Lee Kelly is Director; for the California Toll Bridge Authority, of which Governor Frank F. Merriam is Chairman, is 85 per cent complete in this picture, exclusive of rails.

According to Chief Engineer C. H. Purcell, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge will be open to automobile traffic early in November.

From every corner of the globe the greatest of engineers were requisitioned to give of their skill and daring to this undertaking. Never before had man presumed to do what is here successfully achieved; to sink the largest, deepest caisson foundations ever attempted deep down two hundred or more feet below the surface into silt and rock in rushing water eighty to one hundred feet deep. The graceful forms of five silvery piers piercing the sky to a height of six hundred feet ruggedly attest the reliance of the engineering design. Engineers never before harnessed that many suspension units into one continuous bridge. The problem lay in the security of the anchorages. It was found necessary to sink a solid block of concrete to form the center anchorage for each double suspension unit stretching from the city and the island.

Viewed casually this enormous concrete structure is not startlingly impressive. And yet it lies buried deep in the bay over four hundred feet measured from its actual bedrock base to its upper level where the wire strands of the suspension spans secure their anchorage. This concrete tower is around one hundred feet square, cost close to five million dollars, contains twenty per cent more concrete than San Francisco's greatest 24 story building. It rises 225 feet above the surface of the water to the floor level of the bridge's lower road-way. It is the keystone of the entire structure, for without its security and bulwark the harnessed suspension idea could not have functioned.

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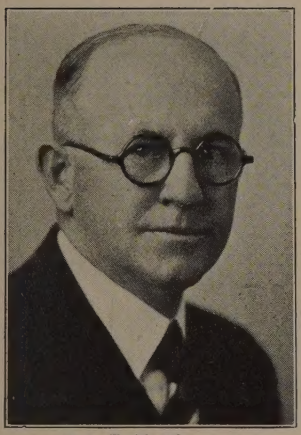
LAYMEN MEET

Donald A. Adams, chairman of the Laymen's Advisory Committee, has completed his visit to Northern California.

As we go to press, it is expected that seven centers will be reached, with afternoon and evening conferences: Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Fresno, Oakland, Pittsburg, and Palo Alto. Other team members, assisting Mr. Adams are George S. Martin of the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. of San Francisco; Arthur W. Moore, State Inheritance Tax Appraiser, Oakland; President Herman F. Swartz, of Pacific School of Religion; Rev. E. T. Sherman, Field Secretary; and Superintendent Harley H. Gill of the Northern California Congregational Conference.



Rev. E. T. Sherman

Rev. Harley H. Gill

SERVANT'S *of the* CHURCHES

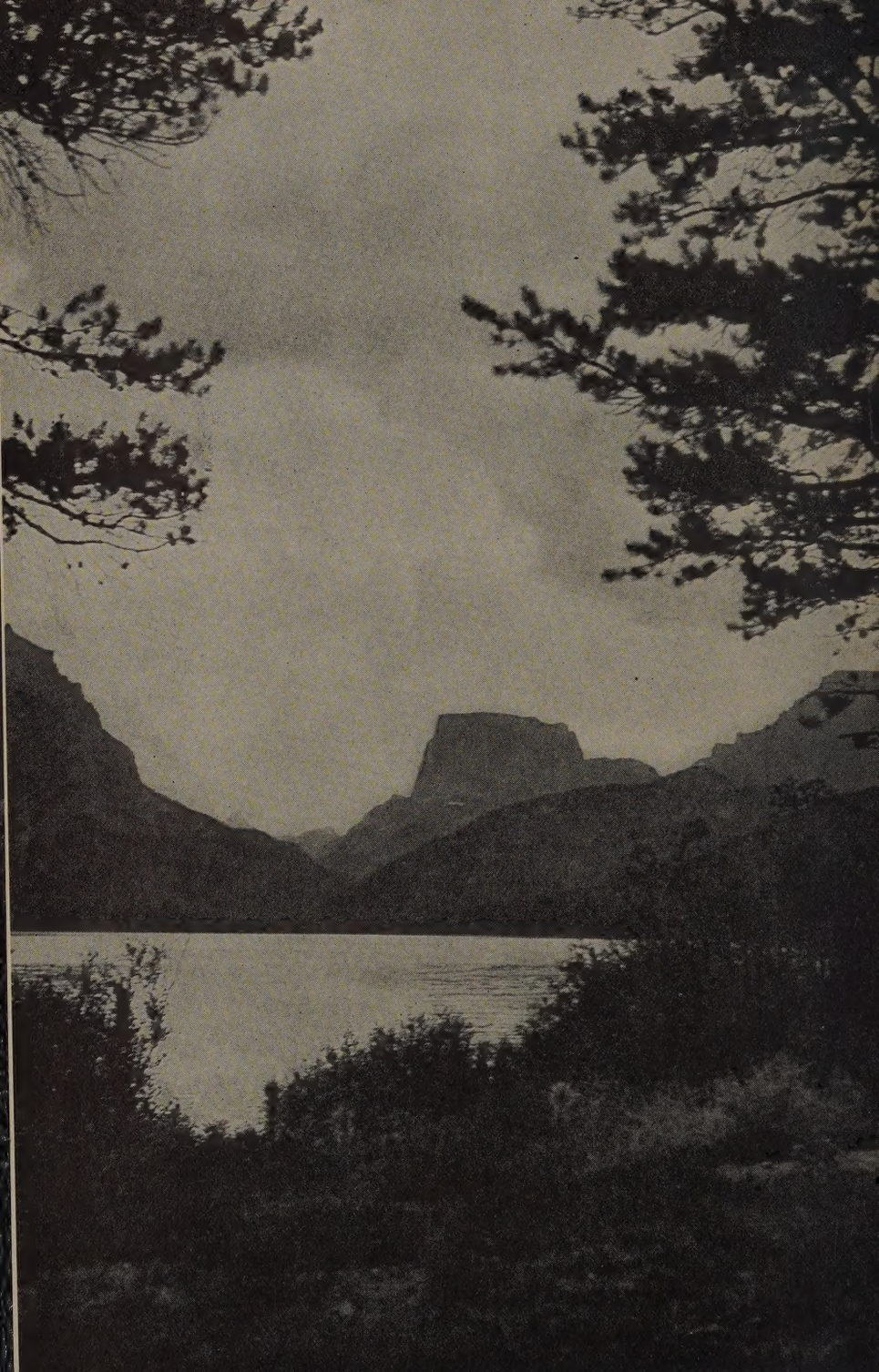
"The work being done by the Superintendent and the Conference office is the most valuable missionary work carried on by our denomination in Northern California." This is the remark frequently heard at Board and Conference meetings following the Superintendent's report. For example, since January first, last, twenty-nine Northern California churches have been involved in pastoral changes. In practically every case this has made necessary a visit by the Superintendent to the field and one or more meetings with the committee on pulpit relations. The Conference office assists every church by its records and its correspondence to secure reliable information about ministers who are under consideration.

Again and again difficult problems arise and churches and pastors turn to the Superintendent for advice and assistance. About eighty churches are visited each year by the Superintendent, some of them several times a year.

A book club for pastors is maintained. The Conference paper is regularly edited and mailed. Literature for religious education, missionary education, young people's work, and evangelism, is mailed and distributed. Collections of benevolence funds are receipted for and transmitted to their proper destinations. Committees are kept functioning, including Ministerial Standing, Social Action, Benevolence Promotion, Appropriations, Religious Education and Young People's Work, and Evangelism.

The Conference office also does the work of the Registrar. It plans the programs of the annual state meeting, and arranges dates for missionary speakers, and illustrated lantern slide lectures. Normally, the Superintendent gives a total of about a hundred sermons and addresses each year.

Beginning the first of September, Rev. E. T. Sherman was added to the staff as Field Secretary. Half of his time will be devoted to assisting churches with their financial problems that their own budgets and their apportionments for world service may be more adequately met. The other half of his time will be given to practical leadership in religious education and young people's work. He will devote 100 per cent of his time to field work.



A COUNTY *for His Parish*

Sublette County, Wyoming, is the parish of Rev. George E. Guild. The State of Connecticut would drop into it comfortably, with a little room to spare all around. About 2,000 persons live in its three little villages, or on its ranches. There is elbow room enough for them and for the churches, since no other than the Community Congregational church is to be found in the county and no minister or priest save Mr. Guild.

Inquire of your railroad how to reach Challis, Idaho; Vernal, Utah; Coalwood, Broadus, or Ekalaka, Montana, or Pinedale, the shire town of Sublette County.

Neither the ministers nor people ask for sympathy. They love their country; but there would be plenty of squirming if those who write and talk easily from their city desks about motor roads having ended isolation were asked to spend the next five years at one of these places. Pinedale is 102 miles from Rock Springs, its nearest railroad station which in turn is a coal mining city of 8,000 in the midst of the dry prairie steppe.

Quite recently a road was opened into Yellowstone Park from the south. It passes through Pinedale, Big Piney, and Daniel-son, the three most important preaching stations. If you enter the Park that way next summer, stop a day. You will find the people most friendly, unspoiled, and their hospitality uncommercialized. The Wind River Mountains to the east have some of the noblest peaks in America. Their foothills and deep mountain valleys contain innumerable lakes of surpassing beauty.

Ask about the church and the community house. They were built with the help of our Home Boards, but are inadequate now both in capacity and because they fail to satisfy a growing wistfulness. The house of worship ought to be more in keeping with the beauty of the mountains which look down upon it.

You will be, moreover, on historic ground. Danielson was the post office chosen for the issue of the Whitman centennial stamp and for a few days this summer sent out truck loads of mail to satisfy the philatelists. The Whitmans, pioneer missionaries of the American Board and finally martyrs for Christ, required several days to pass through Sublette County in 1836.

You will also see Pastor George Guild, son of the Seymour Congregational Church of Connecticut, friend of old and young, earnest, unobtrusive, never boasting, spending without complaint most of his small salary to maintain and drive his car, and ministering in the spirit of Christ to a people, who, counting in their villages, number about one to each three square miles. He will not tell you all this but others may and they might add a story about the night last winter when his engine failed and he was stranded for several hours in a bitter night far from help.

If you will spend three days there you will carry away something of the mountains, the lakes, the hilly ranges and the hospitable people of Sublette County in your heart forever. If you cannot do this, you might look at the picture of Green River Lake, dream of this people and their pastor, and increase your gifts this autumn in order that you may have some treasure in that country and its people.

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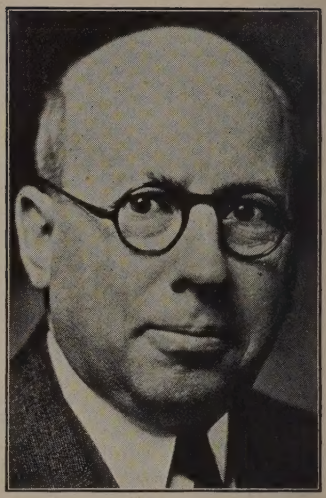
Conference Program COMPLETE



Rev. William F. Frazier, D.D.

The eightieth annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference will be held at First Church, San Jose, Tuesday to Thursday, October 27-29.

The program has been arranged by a committee consisting of the Moderator, Rev. Lawrence Wilson; the President of the Federation of Congregational Women, Mrs. A. V. Dunn; the pastor of the entertaining church, Rev. Benjamin Gould; and the Conference Superintendent.

The Conference will be called to order at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and Rev. H. J. Loken, the chaplain, will speak on "Adventurous Faith." The keynote address will be delivered by Rev. William F. Frazier, D.D., of New York, Executive Vice-President of the Home Board. Superintendent Gill will give his report, under the caption, "Deep Waters and Lofty Peaks." The Conference sermon will be preached by Rev. John H. Gregg of Porterville, using as his subject, "Hands to the Plough."

The Tuesday evening session will be featured by two great addresses, one by Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, a member of the Sherwood Eddy Party of 1936, on "The Christian Church Grapples with the New Paganism," the other by Rev. Cass Arthur Reed of Pomona, formerly of Turkey, on "Missionary Motives and Opportunities in a Changing World."

Wednesday morning will be devoted to discussion groups, one on "Techniques for Personal Christian Living," led by Rev. Lawrence Wilson; a second on "The Negro in Africa and America," led by Rev. Cass Arthur Reed and Mr. E. Harold Mason; a third on "Babson's Proclamation and Program" with special emphasis on population trends, under the leadership of W. L. Moore of San Jose and Ralph Weston of Sacramento. Chaplain Loken will conclude the session with a service of worship.

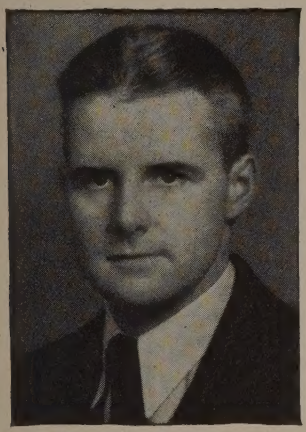
At noon the Federation of Congregational Women will hold a luncheon and present a very interesting program including an address by Rev. Sidney Buckham on "Youth Faces the Future." The ministers and laymen will consider the theme, "The Ministry Under Fire," led by Rev. Norman B. Henderson. When the Conference gathers later in the afternoon, Rev. Gail Cleland, who has just completed a trip around the world, will speak on "The Clash of Oriental Systems."

Wednesday evening will be outstanding with two great addresses, one by Rev. D. Elton Trueblood, Chaplain of Stanford University, on "The Religion of

Young People," the other by Professor James Muilenburg, successor to Dr. Bade at the Pacific School of Religion and formerly dean of the University of Maine, on "Religion in Higher Education."

On Thursday morning Rev. William F. Frazier of New York will lead a round table for all delegates, in which the forward plans of Congregational churches will be outlined. Rev. C. H. Harrison, formerly superintendent of Oregon, will speak on "The Oregon Trail." The session will be concluded with a memorial and communion service under the direction of Rev. Noel J. Breed.

At noon there will be a luncheon meeting on "Student Religious Life," led by Rev. Fred R. Morrow and Rev. W. R. Steininger with Rev. Elliot van N. Diller, Episcopal student worker at Stanford University as speaker.



Rev. Fred R. Morrow

The afternoon session will be devoted largely to business, although Rev. Norman W. Pendleton will present the program of the Anti-Saloon League, Rev. Paul Buchholz will discuss the California Church Council, and Miss Viola Mann will speak on the Pilgrim Fellowship.

The concluding session will be the Conference dinner in the new Civic Auditorium. Superintendent E. D. Gaylord, of Southern California, will bring greetings and will speak on "California and Her Southern Neighbor." The closing challenge will be delivered by Rabbi Irving F. Reichert, of Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, on "The Crucial Task of the Modern Church."

A very complete exhibit of pictures of missionary work and also samples of literature will be on display.

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A WELCOME TO YOU

This issue of THE PACIFIC will have a much wider circulation than usual. To readers not in the habit of seeing it each month, we extend a hearty invitation to become a member of our family. THE PACIFIC is published monthly, ten months in the year, and the subscription price is only 25 cents. Postage stamps will be accepted in payment. Address: The Pacific, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

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GUEST BOOK EDITION

Regular readers of THE PACIFIC will scarcely recognize their old love in this new form and dress. Through special arrangement, this one issue is being published in coöperation with the Missions Council to take the place of the Guest Book, which normally appears each autumn. Extra copies are available for general distribution in the churches to those who order at once from the office of the Northern California Congregational Conference, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

Beginning with the next issue, the usual form and plan of publication will be resumed.

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"He passed like light across the darkened land"

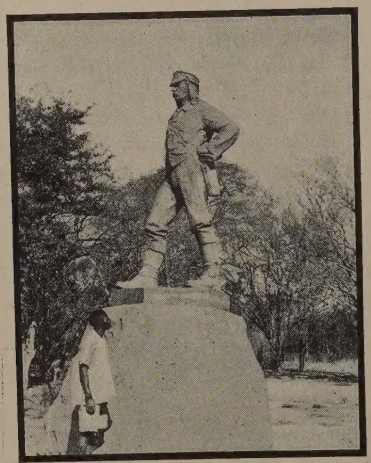
Below is a facsimile from one of twelve original letters of David Livingstone now in possession of the American Board. They were written from the heart of Africa to his younger brother Charles, who was pastor of the Congregational Church in Plympton, Mass.

Tette 2d March 1856

My Dear Charles

Arrived at the farthest inland station at present occupied by the Portuguese. very much tired out by marching over a rough stony bushey country without paths. But in good health and no fever all the way from Linyanti & thankful to God for preserving me thus far But I am not so elated with the speed accomplishment of the feat of crossing the continent as might be expected for the end of the Geographical feat is but the beginning of the missionary enterprise.

Affectionately yours
David Livingston.



The Livingstone Memorial overlooking Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River

He passed like light
across the darkened land,
And dying,
left behind him this command,
"The door is open!
So shall it ever stand!"

Oxenham

These African women are returning to their Kraal with dreams of new homes. Your extra gift this year will enable our missionaries of the American Board to bring the message of Christ into the homes of Africa's villages

In Chinatown

For nearly two years the board of directors of the Hip Wo School has been struggling with the problem of housing its ever increasing enrollment. This institution, which is supported jointly by the Northern California Congregational Conference, and the Presbyterian and Methodist boards of home missions, has outstripped every other school in Chinatown and now has upwards of five hundred members, with an average daily attendance of something like four hundred seventy.

Chinese boys and girls growing up in a great American city do not have contact with the best in American life and yet, through attendance at the public schools and their play on the streets, are rapidly drawing away from the influence of their parents. As they become mature they find doors of opportunity closed to them because of their race. Although Americans, by training and temperament, many of them must return to China in order to make a living. For this reason, and also because of the values in the civilization of their ancestors, it is highly important that they be kept in touch with the language and culture of China. To do this under Christian auspices will mean a penetration of China in the days to come with the ideals of our Gospel. It is missionary work of the highest order.

A large building, formerly occupied by a Presbyterian orphanage and rescue home, is being made available for the school, and an extensive remodeling program is about to be undertaken, which, when completed some months hence, will adequately house a school of at least six hundred, thoroughly graded and up-to-date.

The value of this work in the eyes of the Chinese is attested by their willingness to see that their children attend this school five days a week after the hours of regular public school sessions, and by their contribution of modest tuition fees.

Characters in a play presented by Hip Wo School, San Francisco

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STILL PIONEERING

Since September, 1849, Pioneer Church in Sacramento, California's capital, has kept the torch of the Christian message ablaze. It was the second Congregational church organized in the state, and one of the very few Protestant organizations launched in that first year of the Gold Rush. Ten years ago a structure worthy of its history and of its place of influence was completed. A debt, which in those times did not seem to be serious, remained. The depression brought grave problems. Interest could not be met and reductions of the principal were impossible.

Under the heroic leadership of Rev. Lawrence Wilson, who took up the load in January, 1930, the organization has gained in membership and its program of active service maintained.

After several months of intensive study, an "Emancipation" campaign is under way. The church is making a quiet canvass of the constituency for $20,000, which with certain readjustments will solve the problem. The prayers and interest of the entire Conference is with this historic church as it seeks to prepare for greater usefulness. The success of this campaign will be the outstanding achievement of California Congregationalism in 1936.

Pioneer Congregational Church, Sacramento, California

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Dakotas

Everyone has been moved by the story of Grenfell and the struggles of the fisher folk of Labrador, but I would ask you now for tears, indignation, Christian prayers, and honest dollars to be rightly spent on behalf of those with whom Rev. Philip Frazier works. Sioux—enemies—they are called and call themselves at times in anger; Dakotas—allies, friends—is the name they much prefer.

Philip Frazier is a full-blooded Dakota, whose ancestors were great leaders among their people. He came up from their midst and is a graduate of Oberlin College and Chicago Seminary. "Susie" Frazier, his wife, descended from a Pennsylvanian German trader in the southwest and a Sac and Fox mother. She is also a college graduate, formerly a Young Women's Christian Association Secretary, and a Quaker. Both are beautiful singers, devoted to their people and the Christian life.

But what a task is before them! The Dakotas were once a proud self-sustaining people. Rich pasturage, vast herds of buffalo, the wealth of the Black Hills was theirs. The buffalo were killed by the white man for sport and left to rot. The Dakotas, able to oppose only primitive weapons to rifles, were reduced in numbers and pushed for the most part onto lands which are poor, broken, sub-marginal.

Their income has been estimated at an average of $10.00 per month for a family. Their homes even in winter are chiefly tepees of far flimsier material than the buffalo hides of old. Tuberculosis, trachoma and all sorts of diseases growing out of malnutrition and poverty produce a frightful death rate. They drink water from bitter pools because they have no means to drive wells. A fun-loving people by nature, civilization has destroyed their primitive games and dances and put nothing in the place. Wanderers, nomads, not as their fathers were because the season and work required it, but simply on the move because no other place could prove as bad as the one where they happen to be.

The government schools for the young are steadily improving; but the only hope for their graduates is to break away from their own people. Most of them cannot do it. In any case, the mass which remains is in unrelieved poverty and despair. Philip Frazier holds the great need is to lift the level of that mass.

How can it be done? There are the pastors of our Indian churches. They might be the leaders if, as was Jesus, they were moved with intelligent compassion at the sight of sickness, poverty and a joyless life. But the task can never be done by preaching alone. You cannot push or preach a blind man forward. You must walk before him that he may gain confidence and follow.

Our program, says Philip Frazier, must be six-fold: religion? yes, but also health, home life, recreation, adult education, and better agriculture. Every preacher must keep his garden, his cow, his home, in such a way as to be an example to his people. Then he must organize his little community to attack its problem effectively.

The program requires humility, patience, energy, and intelligence, beginning with Mr. Frazier himself and going down to the last pastor. The plan is right; but it is a truly superhuman task to which he is calling his people. Don't let him fail if there is aught you can do to help him. A minimum of funds are absolutely necessary. If Grenfell had not received the support of many thousands of interested American people he could have done very little. Let's show unmistakably, our interest in the work among the Dakotas this year in our gifts to Missions.

This Happy Indian Boy Plays at Elbowoods, North Dakota

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

At the time when the Women's Boards were merged with the National Home and Foreign Missionary organizations the women of Northern California felt convinced that, far from being deprived of any part of their work, they were being given a free opportunity to engage in wider and more varied fields of service. Their work heretofore, in purely missionary groups, had not enlisted the interest of a large percentage of church women who it was believed might be zealous supporters of some type of work which appealed to them. To meet this requirement the program of the General Council seemed to offer a range of interests complete enough to capture the heart and fancy of variously minded church women. The Northern California Conference, being the responsible supporter of this program, naturally was chosen as the body with which the women should align themselves for this more extensive work.

Wholeheartedly they pledged themselves to earnest and systematic coöperation with the Conference to promote the work for which that body is responsible. The name of the organization through which they have been functioning devotedly for several years was changed from "Women's Missionary Society of Northern California" to "Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California."

To carry on its part in this coöperative undertaking, the Federation appointed secretaries to cultivate interest in the several lines of work, and also associational presidents. The latter serve to unite the women's societies of their respective territories more closely to each other and to the Federation. These associational presidents, the secretaries, and the chairmen of committees report from time to time at the regular monthly meetings of the Federation. The gist of these reports is carried back to every church by the "Commissioner," a woman appointed by her church to link it personally with the Federation. Where distance prohibits the attendance of the commissioner at the meetings, a written report is sent her by the corresponding secretary.

The nature of the secretarial work is educational and inspirational. The Foreign Field Secretary culls from wide reading interesting facts and appealing incidents; the Home Field Secretary reports personal visits to foreign groups in our midst and to migrant camps, as well as matters pertaining to more distant homeland work; the Secretary of Literature and Education presents study books and suggests aids and methods in using them, also plays and other program material; the Social Relations Secretary brings up-to-date literature of the Social Action Council and civic affairs of local or general import; and the Prayer Guild Secretary conducts the devotional service at the meetings, and stimulates and enriches the prayer life of the women by acquainting them with the best devotional literature. Quotas for the Home and Foreign schools and hospitals are presented by the Social Welfare Secretary, and the Thank Offering is made an interesting theme by its secretary. The chairman of the Speakers' Bureau tells of available speakers whom the societies may secure for their meetings.

The Superintendent of the Conference is welcomed whenever he has suggestions to make of ways in which the Federation may be helpful. Opportunity is often given for the officers of the Federation to visit the various associations and the outlying

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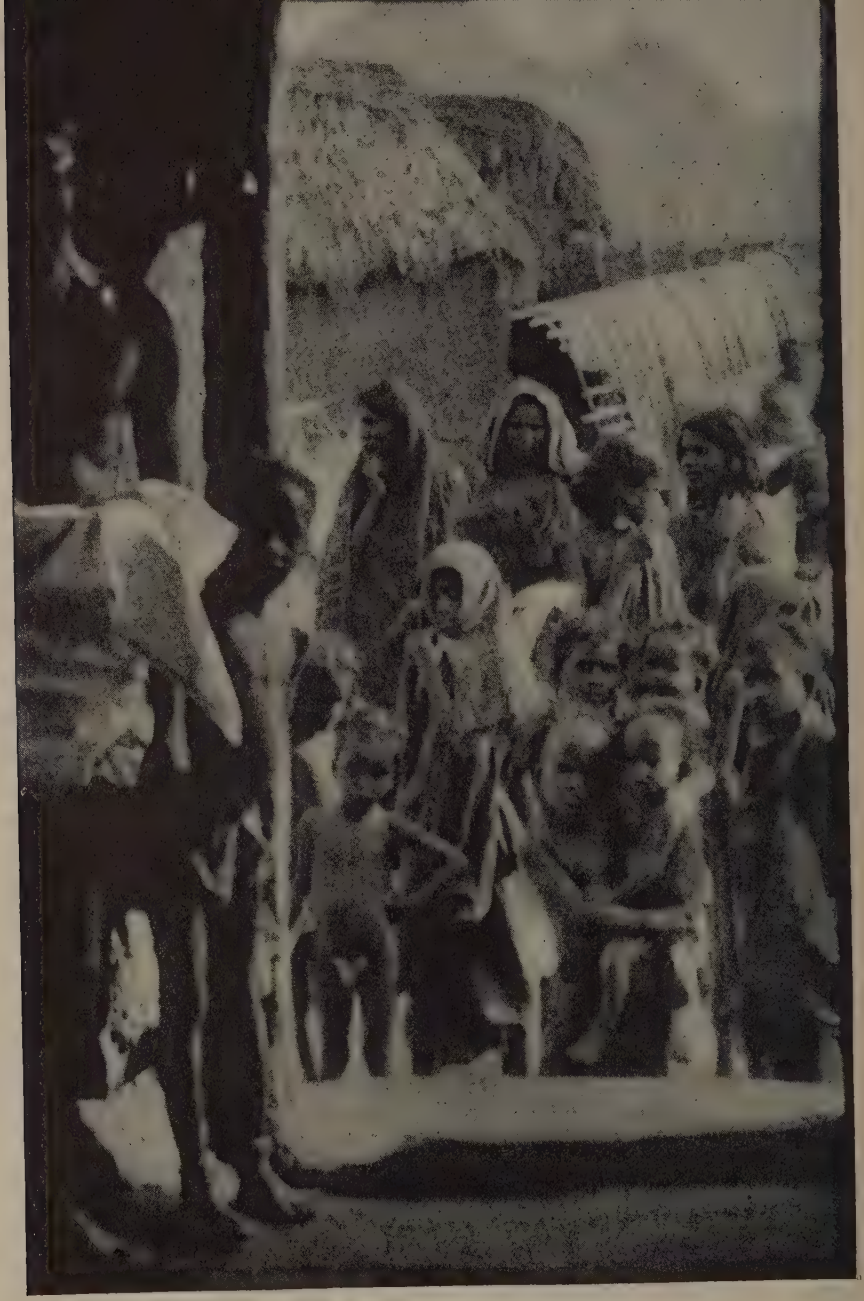
Broadmoor Church, San Leandro, California

Broad Program at BROADMOOR

One of the largest Sunday schools in the Conference has been the record of the Broadmoor Community Church, almost from the time of its organization. Beautifully and adequately housed in the building erected six years ago, and under the vigorous leadership of Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, this church has one of the most active programs of work for youth to be found in our fellowship. In spite of handicaps as a result of a heavy indebtedness and the modest income of its constituency, its courage has not been lost. Through the help of the Northern California Conference and the sacrificial loyalty of its people, there has been no slipping back; indeed, some progress has been made. The next step for this church, which will soon be undertaken, is a program to readjust and reduce the indebtedness. To this end pastor and trustees have been giving intensive thought and planning.

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH

Final reports of the three young people's conferences have been made to the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work. Articles in the September PACIFIC gave a somewhat extended review of what had been accomplished. Summarizing, it may be said that close to 300 Congregational young people of northern California attended one or another of the three conferences, and in addition, probably a total of 50 or 60 adults. Chief among these meetings was Asilomar, which is in part supported by Conference funds. According to many statements made by young people to their pastors, the 1936 gathering was the most successful of the twelve that have been held. The new Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet is planning a year of worthwhile activities, with week-end conferences, a mid-winter conference, and the strengthening of the summer institutes. They will be ably assisted by Rev. E. T. Sherman, field secretary, who is to devote half of his time to religious education and young people's work.



India's Depressed Classes Appeal for Help

India Calls

India's Depressed Classes appeal for help to every impulse of the human heart. Fifty million men, women and children are held in pitiful restraint as "Untouchables." The group on the left was seen through the doorway of an outcaste home. Living on the level of barest subsistence, held down by the iron hand of the caste system, regarded by many as less than human, they find courage and hope in the messengers of Christ. Leaders of the Depressed Classes have become convinced that the Hindu system itself pulls them down and have decided to leave Hinduism. Where will they go as pilgrims in their quest? A large proportion of India's Christians are outcastes who have found equality and opportunity for growth in the Christian fellowship. Thus, many of the outcastes are turning to the Christian Church for help. Our missionaries of the American Board work with them, but our workers are all too few. The results are a marvelous story like the singing band of Indian Christians (see below) who are the leaders in the worship of an independent village church.

Indigenous Christianity in India

The members of this church are from the Depressed Classes but Christianity has wrought great changes in them. Many from this village have gone out over a wide area as effective Christian leaders.

The church in this community is the vital center of its life and daily prayer is conducted here. The economic level of the community is markedly higher than it was before. Indeed, Christianity has wrought miracles of transformation among them.

This work has been hampered in recent years from inadequate support. Our missionaries need your help. The American Board only waits for your coöperation to send more missionaries to India in this hour of opportunity and need. Will you not increase your gift to Missions this year? Additional help is urgently needed.

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"Could You Hear a Cricket..."

Could you hear a cricket at Herald Square on Broadway? A scientist and a minister were walking along Broadway. The scientist stopped short with the exclamation, "Wait: I hear a cricket!" His friend ridiculed him about finding a cricket on Broadway, but the scientist moved closer to the wall intently following the unmistakable sound of the cricket. His trained ear found a crevice in the wall from which he removed a black cricket and held it before the astonished eyes of the minister. The minister contended that the scientist must have seen the cricket first, that it was impossible to hear a cricket amidst the rush and noise of New York's busiest thoroughfare. But the scientist replied, "No, you can hear anything you want to hear, at any time, even on Broadway. Watch me." From his pocket he removed a dime and dropped it on the sidewalk. Immediately scores of people responded to the tinkle of the coin and stopped dead in their tracks. The scientist laughed and turned to the minister saying, "This is my sermon to you. You can hear God anywhere, any time if you are listening for his voice."

As you read these pages and see the work of your church graphically told in the pictures, will you not heed the voice that calls for your help?

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"One may almost reckon the deep needs of humanity in terms of money. Money is health, money is opportunity, money is salvation. What a man carries away from this earth depends upon how he has invested himself and his money"

For Who ★ *hath despised the Day of small things?*

ZECHARIAH 4:10

Small units in immense volume make a great business. Small gifts in great volume bring striking results.

The work of Christ which our churches have undertaken for America and the world requires a larger constituency. It needs some support from all of us and more money from many of us.

Ministers in the mission churches of State Conferences and our National Boards, teachers in our schools and medical missionaries who are the only doctors in whole districts, have had salaries and equipment cut, helpers withdrawn and work increased to the peril of both their work and their health.

More than eight hundred of our churches are doing nothing to help such men and women in the work of our State Conferences and National Boards. Eight hundred more give less than 50 cents a year per member.

Ten Cent-a-Meal boxes faithfully used in each of these 1644 churches would bring 16,400 new givers and yield $180,018. An equal number of new givers by the Cent-a-Meal plan can be enlisted in churches that already have a missionary budget. The $360,036 new money from these two sources would bring light into the faces of workers in our difficult and often distant fields.

Our Congregational and Christian Churches, with a membership of 1,028,038, gave an average of only $1.44 per member in 1935 through the apportionment for support of our total missionary work, in the State Conferences, within our nation and around the world. Of course, many of our people gave liberally, but most of us gave nothing. In which group will you be this year?

A Cent-a-Meal means $10.95 a year, and this will accomplish great things. A Negro boy walks nine miles to one of our southern schools. On getting a report of low marks, he said, "I know I could learn if I had a chance to study; but I have to start for school at five o'clock and it is so late when I get home that I am too tired." Ten dollars will pay that boy's board and room for three weeks.

In an American Board Hospital in Africa ten dollars pays for 300 clinic treatments or patients who but for this doctor could get no help.

Ten dollars will make a world of difference to those who live far from doctors, schools, and from hearing the message of Christ.

Let your ten dollars open a new world to someone.

And here is one thing more. Would not churches of the Eastern, Central and far Western states like to pack one of those gorgeous Thanksgiving or Christmas boxes for some family where there are children and the need is greatest. There are plenty of parsonages in the drought area where it would bring cheer and courage in the winter which lies ahead.

These young people at Pilgrim Center, South Dakota, are undaunted by the drought, for they are Custodians of the Pilgrim Spirit

The Christian Youth Building a New World Movement, in which fifty-eight denominations participate, has attracted one hundred and ninety thousand of our own young people. Seventy thousand have been added to the rolls of our young people's organizations. This program of world fellowship is carried forward under the leadership of our Congregational Education Society.

Who Seeth his Brother

★ HAVE NEED?

Downright courage and stamina is the outstanding impression received by whoever talks with our rural ministers in the drought area.

There was no hay, no small grains, and no corn. Slow growth permitted such emergency forage crops as Kaffir corn and Sudan grass to develop positive poisons fatal to the stock. Grasshoppers flourished in the dry hot weather and completed the destruction, eating the leaves and bark of shrubs and even the needles of the pine. Gardens which mean so much to the country parson shrivelled in the heat, died and were blown away. All day on the main highways the trucks rumbled by until the sheep and cattle were nearly all out of the country.

"Say, mister, don't you get discouraged with us and ship us up to Alaska," said a tall strong-faced farmer. "I've been here twenty years on this land. We have had only one other season equal to this. Generally speaking, it's been a good enough country."

Well, "generally speaking," that is the temper of the people; and their ministers are not a whit behind them in uncomplaining fortitude. But it is going to be a hard winter at best for all of them; and I think at least as hard for the preacher as his people. Government can find ways of loaning to a prospective producer, make payments under a conservation scheme, or otherwise back him up. The situation of the preacher is different. What chance is there for him?

Many of these men serve several churches and drive up to a hundred miles or more a Sunday, not to mention parish work and funerals during the week. Among them there is the normal amount of debt on cars without which they cannot do their work and which they may lose. Children have to be brought home from school. There is no money this year for books or clothes and not always enough for food.

It would not be so bad if this drought had not followed so closely the disastrous season of 1934. The two years together have reduced the number of pastors and caused churches to be yoked into larger parishes until those who are left have more territory than they can well cover and their expense for transportation is unreasonably high.

Nevertheless from superintendents to the most remote pastor they are looking toward the future with courage. They have held their summer conferences of young people and assemblies for their ministers and laity as usual. They have not stampeded or lost their heads. You will find them on the job straight through the winter and when planting time comes they will be there.

Through the Home Boards, however, our more favored churches ought to help them with funds. At the mid-winter meeting the call was made to our churches to increase their giving under the apportionment by $600,000 in the two years of 1936 and 1937. One third of this amount, or $200,000, is the goal set to be reached by December 31, 1936.

Extra gifts made toward this advance will help the Home Boards to meet this emergency. You can be proud of the people that this will aid, and the work they are doing.

World's *Largest* Bridge

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To be opened November 1936 in San Francisco Bay

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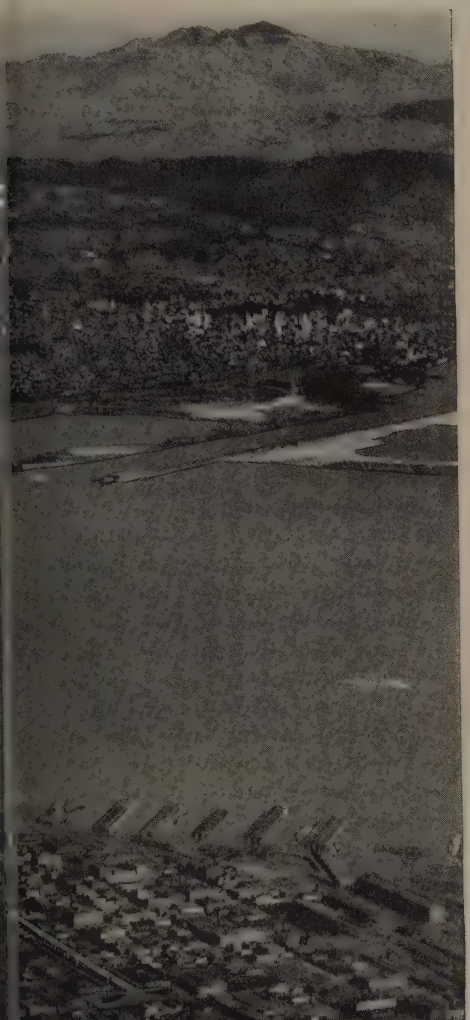
Courtesy California Toll Bridge Authority

LIKE mighty arms stretching out from shore to shore of San Francisco Bay, two great bridges are uniting the cities by the Golden Gate in the handclasp of unity. With a population of 1,900,000, the score or more cities will be *united* more closely economically and culturally by these great arteries of transportation.

The Golden Gate Bridge, with its giant towers, each one reaching 746 feet above sea level, standing like sentinels on either side of the Gate, and with a single suspended span more than eight-tenths of a mile long, will be ready for use in the early part of 1938.

Of a different and yet equally daring type is the San Francisco Bay Bridge, uniting San Francisco with Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, and other East Bay cities and the interior valleys of northern and central California. The total structure will be eight and one-quarter miles in length and will be composed of suspension and cantilever construction, a tunnel, and a long fill. Huge caissons were sunk through water and silt to bed rock, to a maximum depth of 235 feet. The towers of the suspension portions of the bridge average about 500 feet above the water line.



The structure over the west channel will be two complete suspension bridges with a central anchorage, which is a block of concrete about 90 by 190 feet at the base, and more than 400 feet from bed rock to the level of the bridge deck. Seventy-one thousand miles of steel wire make up the giant cables which carry the weight of a six-lane highway for automobile traffic, 3 lanes for trucks, and two railroad tracks. Underneath the structure, the tallest masts on the greatest ocean liners will have room to spare. On November 12 next, the bridge will be opened to automobile traffic, and about fifteen months later, for electric inter-urban service. The bridge will require 1,000,000 cubic yards of concrete, 1,300,000 barrels of cement, and 200,000 gallons of paint.

One is tempted to do a bit of meditating; $77,000,000 for the San Francisco Bay Bridge and $30,000,000 more for the Golden Gate Bridge, are being spent to make possible a freer movement of people and a greater unity of interests.

This is more than one hundred million dollars for the speedier travel of less than two million people, or over fifty dollars per capita. Everyone agrees that this engineering feat is being magnificently accomplished and is money wisely spent.

What if an equal amount could be spent for improving the relationships between the races and nations of the world, for bringing about that free movement of ideas and the unity of fellowship in the spirit of our Lord, Christ! The result would be a bridge of understanding that would reach around the world and help to bring the Kingdom of God on earth.

How can we remain Christian without sharing in building the Bridge of Love?

COOPERATIVE BUSINESS UP

Dairy Groups Report $4,600,000 Rise Over '34-35

Business of farmers' dairy co operatives in Iowa increased $4,600,000 during the 1935-36 mar keting season as compared wit the 1934-35 season, according t figures released today by the Co operative Division of the

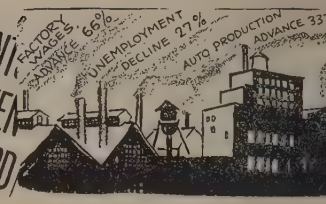
SPENDING CHEERS SMALLER BUSINESS

Thousands of Firms Doing Well—Summer Resorts Have Busy Season.

Special Dispatch to The Star

NEW YORK, August 17.—A... from the heavy industr... booming alon...

1936 SHIPMENTS OF CEMENT SEEN 5-YEAR RECORD



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National Income Expected To Reach 60 Billions in '36

U. S. Business This Year Will Find Income is Greater Than Total Spending—Rise from 39 Billion in 1932 is Traced

Washington (AP)—Commerce department officials today forecast a 1936 national income close to $60,000,000,000, balancing business outlay for the first time since 1929.

HIGHEST PRICES IN 11 YEARS PAID FOR CASH CORN

Chicago —(AP)— Highest prices in 11 years were paid for cash ... in the Chicago grain pits yesterday as ... degree heat heat reports ... plains. ... to $1.29 ... the ... high ... Dec...

FREIGHT TRAFFIC RISES 8,204 CARS

Q.—Please give some statistics on the total number of people in the United States who traveled in 1935 and the amount of money spent, also the amount spent on European travel. ... R. C.

A.—More than 50,000,000 persons took trips in 1935 and the total travel expenditures for that year were more than $9,000,000,000. More than 130,000 people took voyages to Europe and the total sum spent in foreign travel is estimated at $5,350,000,000.

Farm Income Rises During Half Of 1936

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30 Weeks' Car Loadings Best Since '31, Says Pelley

Total Placed at 19,416,417, Gain of 11.7% Over '35

J. J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, announced yesterday that loading of revenue freight in the first thirty weeks of this year, to July 25, was greater than in any corresponding period since 1931.

Total loading of all commodities in that period this year was 19,416,417 cars, a gain of 2,030,816 cars, or 11.7 per cent, above the same period in 1935, but a decrease of 628,800 cars, or 11.9 per cent, compared with 1931.

N. Y. Rural Electrification Five Times as Active in '36

4,756 Customers Added in 1st Half, Against 1,615 in Same Period of Last Year

ALBANY, Aug. 20 (AP).—The Public Service Commission reported today that 1,425 miles of electric lines to serve 6,104 new customers were added in New York State's rural electrification program during the first six months of 1936.

MERCHANTS CAUGHT BY THE RUSH

Merchants were almost caught by the early trek to outfit children for school well ahead of time.

Radios, refrigerators, roofing, new water systems are going in swelling volume to the farms.

Sales of overalls for the workers are far ahead of a year ago.

Sales of fur coats and silks for the ladies have mounted.

Offices and residences are demanding patterned shades and Venetian blinds.

N. E. BUSINESS HITS HIGHEST PEAK SINCE '30

Welfare Rolls Shrink, Federal Relief Also Drops

New England business is now at its highest level since June, 1930, according to a report by the New England council today, while at the same

Private Schools Report Increase in Enrollment

Student Lists This Year Expected to Be Much Larger Than 1935

SOUTH'N PACIFIC EARNINGS SPURT

The Southern Pacific Railroad Co today reported net operating income of $2,375,000 for July, an increase of $62,438, or 70.5 per cent, when compared with the July, 1935, figures, and the best total for that month since 1931.

Gross revenues of the largest railroad in this country in both mileage and assets rose $3,168,091 over that for July of last year to a total of

FAR WEST BUSINESS BEST SINCE SEPT. '31

Bank's Index Shows Gains In Chief Factors.

The index of far western busines for July compiled by the Bank of America, registering 75.4 per cent, reached the highest point since September, 1931, the bank reported

Sales in August By Department Stores Up 6.8

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Report Sharp Gain In Luxury Goods

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 17.—After slackening their improvement pace in the first three months of 1936, sales of "prosperity goods" spurted

GOODYEAR PROFITS REACH MILLION IN SIX MONTHS

AKRON, O., Aug. 18 (AP).—Total net sales of the Goodyear Tire and

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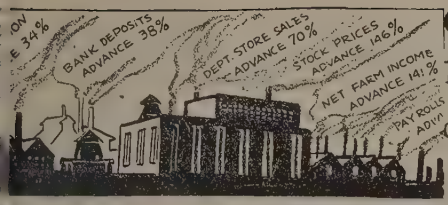
Missionary contribu... of Congregational and C... tian Churches under ... apportionment:

1930	$3,10
1931	2,63
1932	2,13
1933	1,65
1934	1,52
1935	1,48

During ten years pre... ing 1930 our giving t... missionary causes aver... more than three mi... dollars annually. In ... years following 1930 ... from churches dropped ... with serious loss to the v...

Rigid economies and ... votion of missionaries ... kept faith with sacri... giving during these dif... years. **The tide has tur...** Will you help us to ... **onward and upward?**


BANK DEPOSITS ADVANCE 36%
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STEEL SPEEDS UP TO SIX-YEAR HIGH; POWER CLIMBING

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NATIONAL BANK DEPOSITS HIT ALL-TIME PEAK

Total $26,200,453,000 on June 30—Assets Up Sharply

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Total deposits of the 5,374 active national banks in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands reached a new all-time peak of $26,200,453,000 on June 30, Controller of the Currency J. F. T. O'Connor announced today.

The aggregate exceeded by $1,310,998,000, or 5.39 per cent, the amount reported on March 4 of this year, the date of the previous high record in national bank deposits. Since June 29, 1935, deposits have increased $3,682,207,000, or 16.35 per cent.

TRAVELERS INS. CO. ASSETS AT PEAK

HARTFORD, Ct., Aug. 21 (UP)—Assets of the Travelers Insurance Company are the highest in the company's history, climbing $36,768,176 during the first six months of the year for a grand total of $824,679,168, it was revealed today.

WOOLWORTH CO. SALES SPURT

July Total of $22,860,526 Record for Month—Up 13.3% Over '35

OTHER SYSTEMS REPORT WIDE GAIN

F. W. Woolworth Company reports July sales of $22,860,526, the largest volume for that month in the history of the company.

AIRPLANE FIRMS ENJOYING BOOM

Passengers show increase on sky routes; airmail is up

New York, Aug. 17—Earnings outlook for companies in the aviation

PAY IN STEEL INDUSTRY REACHES NEW HIGH RECORD

Pittsburgh, Aug. 17— (INS) — A new high record for payrolls in the steel industry for the month of June was announced today by the American Iron and Steel institute, official producers' organ.

Totaling $63,000,000, the figure represenitd a gain of $20,000,000 or 47 per cent. as compared with the amount paid out in June of 1935, the announcement said.

Electrical Output Is 2d Best in History

Industry is conquering summer slump with st... forging ahead to a new l... the recovery song of t... dynamo approaches a re... ing crescendo.

Iron Age reported i...ness of steel ingot productio...vances with ...bounded to 72½ per cent of capacity, a new high for the year and the best rate since 1930. Last week the rate was 71 per cent. The advance was contrary to the usual seasonal tendency.

The Edison Electric Institute revealed that production of electricity was stepped up to 2,093,928,000 kilowatt hours for the week ended August 15 from 2,079,149,000 in the preceding week, another contra-seasonal gain, and 14.3 per cent above the same period last year. This is the second largest weekly output on record.

Sears Roebuck Sales Highest in History

CHICAGO (AP)—Sears, Roebuck & Company report the sales volume for the seventh period ended August 13 continued at a record-breaking level, bringing cumulative sales this ... to the largest total for any corresponding period in Sears' history. ... the seventh period from ...ust 13 totaled $33,765,... of 37.3 per cent, ... corresponding ...eriod sales ...

EMPLOYMENT IN STEEL SETS RECORD

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Employment in the country's steel mills this year has reached the highest level in the history of the industry, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute. In June ... was 498,000 ...

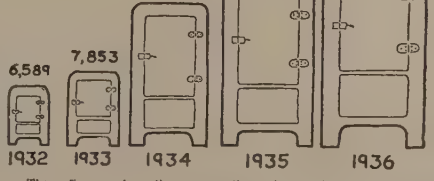
RCA July Radio Shipments More Than 3 Times Year Ago

The radio set and phonograph record business bounded with the introduction of a new line of ... RCA Victor has been making sharp ad...

CHAIN STORES SET NEW SALES RECORD FOR LAST 7 YEARS

July Retail Gain Best for Any Month Since 1929, Survey Shows

Refrigerator Sales Up 21.6%



These figures show the comparative sales of electric refrigerators in Iowa during the first six months of each year from 1932 to 1936, inclusive.

...He Looked for the City ...ch Hath the Founda... ..., Whose Builder and *Maker Is God"*

Hebrews 11:10

...ike Abraham, we too, ... for the city whose ...der and maker is God.

...ur church has issued the ... for an immediate in...se in our giving in 1936 ... 1937 of a total of ...0,000 more than in ...4 and 1935.

...he first step is an in...se of $200,000 before ...ember 31, 1936, over ... giving in 1935.

...ur per capita giving in ...5 was but $1.44. Every... familiar with our econ... knows that we are able ...double this. Of course ...y gave much more. In ... sight of God it is not ... large the gift but how ...h have we left for our ...sures after making our ... Do you not feel led ...make a special thank...ring gift this year?

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Trolleys and Buses Show Revenue Gain

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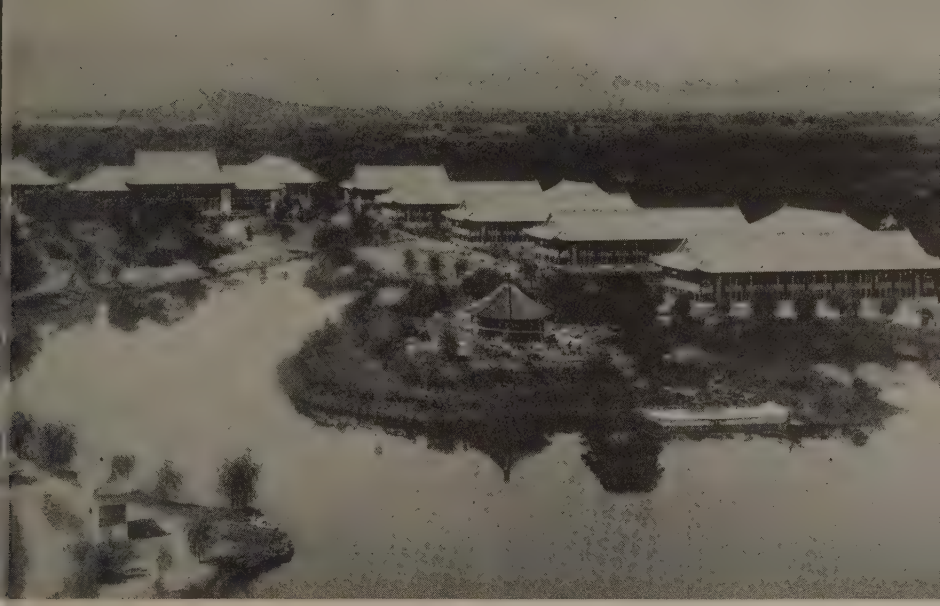
Welcome

Look at the faces of these Chinese women! In this picture Dr. Alma Locke Cooke has just arrived back in Lintsing after furlough in America and finds the warmest possible welcome. Due to the stringent economies of recent years all of our mission hospitals are seriously understaffed. Dr. Cooke is our only American Board doctor for two of our North China hospitals, Lintsing and Tehchow, seventy miles apart. A few years ago we had two American doctors and an American nurse in each of these hospitals. Although the number of patients has increased our support from America has decreased. Today we have only three missionaries on the staff of these two hospitals—Dr. Cooke, Miss Helen Dizney and Mr. Albert Hausske. Increased numbers of trained Chinese physicians and nurses make possible the continuance of this work.

Our chief contribution from America is the support of the missionary staff. Our foreign missionary doctors and nurses receive less than two dollars per day. They would receive many times this for similar service in America. The difference is their gift of love. Will you match their devotion with your gift this Fall?



Yenching University Campus

YENCHING UNIVERSITY, in the suburbs of Peiping, China, symbolizes the thirteen Christian colleges and universities you help support through the American Board. Its architecture, blending into the old Chinese background, suggest the Chinese culture and its values which the University seeks to preserve. In modern class-rooms and laboratories, faculty and students work together in a scientific spirit on the problems of present-day China. A voluntary religious life, centering in the Christian fellowship which unites faculty, students and workmen, interprets to the student body the meaning of the University motto: "Freedom through Truth for Service." Four mission boards unite in supporting the University. Its students come from all parts of China and go back to a wide range of constructive service. Nowhere in the world does an investment in life and money bring such remarkable returns. Fifty-one per cent of the college graduates in the "Who's Who" of China studied in Christian schools.

Chancellor Chiang Mon Lin, of the National University of Peiping, has just paid a notable tribute to Christian education in China.

"A few years ago we thought mission schools were not suitable to China. Students graduating from mission schools were too much foreignized. Now the idea has quite changed. We are beginning to think that mission schools are as good weapons as any Chinese schools for the advancement of western learning and social reforms. We are beginning to see that the habits of missionary teachers carried from their home lands are having a fine influence on their students. Because of political influence, government middle schools are in a chaotic state, while mission schools are much more settled and steady in policy. **I have sent my daughter to a mission school* because discipline is important."**

***The daughter of Chancellor Chiang Mon Lin is a student at an American Board school, Bridgman Academy in Peiping. The American Board has had to close 48 out of 96 of its high and middle schools because of inadequate support. Nevertheless, the total high school enrollment this year is greater than ever. Building a new world through Christian youth is possible with your gifts. Will you give?**

If CHRIST *were to Come to* Our City *Today*

In this typical Illowana industrial community of thirty-six nationalities and races some of the world's greatest factories produce fabulous wealth and bitterest poverty. Both rich and poor instinctively labor to secure from society two boons; the greatest possible portion of the world's goods and comforts and the most enjoyable leisure.

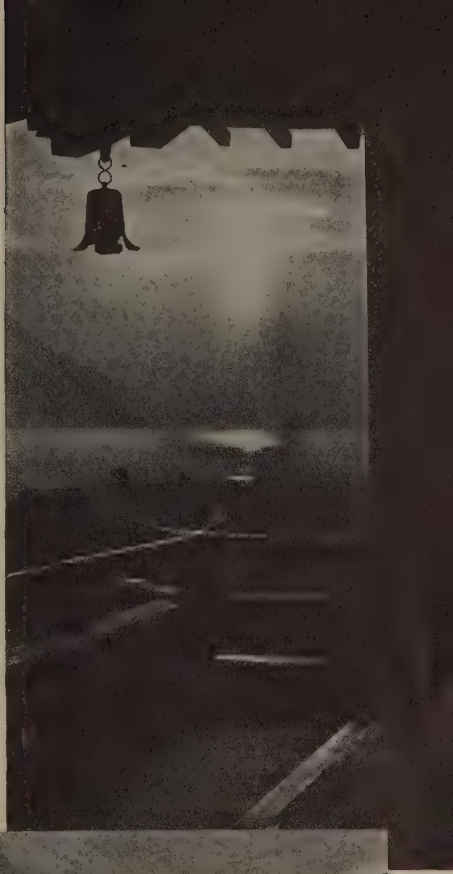
The consciousness of the citizen's obligation to the State and to society is almost completely lacking. Our community is too young, too varied in culture-heritages: it has been too frankly materialistic in purpose—the production of goods—to have discovered its own soul. That high function it will achieve with increasing age.

In our generation, dreams of the social prophets of all centuries have become a reality. Men have conquered nature sufficiently to abolish material want. The means are present to provide for all the necessities and the luxuries of life. Yet never before did such ruinous want exist.

Were Christ to come to our city today here in Illowana, He would find a new system, more adequate to the present needs, slowly, silently, though surely, taking shape. He would find thousands who have kept faith, dying at their posts, unkown, unsung. He would find in the realm of the organized church a nucleus of people loyal to the great task according to the light of their vision. He would find them in hidden corners of the community. Still the flame of idealism is passed from heart to heart; still young men see visions, and old men dream dreams. Still prayer goes up that God's Kingdom will come. The price in human wastage is tragic beyond computation. Creation groaneth in travail, to bring forth the dawn of a new world order. Ours is a world like unto that of the first century for which Christ died with a prayer on his lips. It is for such a cause as this that our Church has created its Council for Social Action.

Beauty in Religion

The temple bell and moonlight on the placid sea expresses both Japan's native sense of beauty and the quietism of Buddhistic faith. Buddhism has fostered the appreciation and quiet contemplation of natural beauty.



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In the Zenrinkan Christian Social Settlement in Osaka, Japan, Sherwood Moran of the American Board Mission greets Toyohiko Kagawa. The Christian faith brings love of man and the service that creates beauty in human life even to the slums of Japan's great cities. Thus your gift to this work is translated into imperishable value.

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Growing LEADERS

From the ends of the earth they come, to find a truly cosmopolitan welcome at Plymouth House, our Congregational student center at the University of California, Berkeley, under the direction of Fred R. Morrow. A young graduate from Germany; a girl who was born in the Philippines, lived in Guam and China; the son of missionaries who brought him forth in India; a native of Natal; a young Mexican whose parents fled with him from marauding bandits; such a representation was discovered recently in an incidental gathering of young people under Plymouth House auspices. The students at Berkeley come from many sections of the world and almost every state. Brought from Christian homes into the rich and varied culture of a great university, they find in Plymouth House a common interest in things religious, the chance to practice in a group the ideals of a Christian community.

In this scheme, fellowship looms large. Firesides in Berkeley homes, small groups meeting for study and discussion, deputations to other churches, committees gathered to carry on the round of program, all bind the scattered interests of youth in close ties of common interest and cooperation.

Leaders emerge. From such centers as Plymouth House there go forth young men and women to occupy the forefront in Christian thought and action for the future. At this moment, 1936 graduates are teaching school, doing social work, preparing for the ministry, working in laboratories, and on ships at sea. Two are in Europe for further study. Two have given up competitive technical careers to prepare for a larger social service. So, back into the world's stream of life they go again, as they came, but with enlarged vision and quickened motives in which Plymouth House is proud to share.

CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES

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NEW PASTOR ORDAINED

North Church, Berkeley, entertained a council of the Bay Association churches on September 23. The occasion was the examination and ordination of a new pastor, Dr. Peter Pierson Parker. Dr. Parker has served on the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion for the past two years. His ordination paper revealed a deeply religious background and a ripe scholarship. President Herman F. Swartz preached the ordination sermon and Professor J. W. Buckham offered the ordaining prayer. Other parts in the program were taken by Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, Prof. Chester C. McCown, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Prof. George T. Tolson, Rev. Harley H. Gill, and Prof. Carl S. Patton.

Bethany Armenian Church, Oakland, Calif.

NEW BUILDING AND NEW PLANS

Bethany Armenian Church, Oakland, rejoices in the ample accommodation of its new plant and equipment, the former Calvary Church. Activities of every department have been stimulated. The fall program is being launched with a social for the young people, a dinner arranged by the Ladies' Aid, and Rally Day service for the Sunday School. The pastor, Rev. V. H. Yessayan, is conducting a Bible study class as part of the mid-week prayer meeting, combining the educational with the inspirational approach.

Recently a social and program was given in honor of the nintieth birthday of Rev. S. M. Babasinian, who was born in Marsovan, and who graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1881. Thus Bethany Church has the distinction of having the oldest and the youngest of the Armenian ministers.

This work is made possible by the financial assistance of the Conference.

SHIFTING SUBURB

Meeting the problems of a rapidly growing commuter population is the interesting task of Alden A. Read, the minister in the San Carlos Community Congregational Church. The building program in the community, bringing an influx of young married couples who are buying their own homes, brings with it also an acute situation in the church program. Having little or no church background, many of the newcomers have not had the habit of church attendance. Others already in the church have seen its membership change with the changing town, and have lost faith in the church's power. The people, however, are friendly; they send their children to Sunday School; and they are watching the church with interest. Being the only Protestant church in a town of approximately two thousand people, it has the opportunity of becoming the central radiating force in San Carlos and a nucleus for the building of a larger Christian community program. Through the Conference missionary support the church is being kept on its feet, but is looking forward at present to the time when it will become self-supporting.

The church is planning for a council of ordination to be held October 13, at which Mr. Read will be examined and if found satisfactory, be set aside for the work of the ministry.

IN WONDERFUL MARIN

After forty years in self-supporting Congregational churches, Rev. Charles L. Mears finds it a privilege to serve Fairfax Community Church, located in wonderful Marin County.

The town is one-half Italian. Among the problems to be faced are fourteen licensed liquor stores, a large commuter and week-end population, and a considerable debt on the church building.

On the other side of the ledger there is an efficient Bible School, a splendid group of young people, and an active women's organization. The present concern of all is to liquidate the debt and eventually to erect a chapel.

This work is made possible by the cooperation of the State Conference.

Mr. Mears also represents the Congregational denomination as chaplain at San Quentin Prison, preaching at regular intervals and devoting one day each month to personal interviews.

Morning, Noon *and Night*

The Dedication of a **Cent-a-Meal** links your family with the wide fellowship of many thousands in our church who care for others

It is neither a dollar, nor ten dollars, but the smallest coin minted by the government —a cent—that each family is asked to give. Here the privilege and opportunity of giving to the support of the greatest undertaking of the church is brought within the range of us all.

Our Lord set store by "the small things": "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"; "The giving of a cup of cold water"; "The widow's mite into the treasury box"; "The grain of mustard seed smallest of all herbs"; even so, the copper cent, smallest of all our coins, will lead us forward with renewed faith and vision.

This box has great educational values: The giving of the cent frequently leads to some discussion of the work of the church in the various avenues of our national life and in the needy fields beyond the seas. The cent drops into the box and there follows a prayer, a thought, and a new interest in China, Japan, India, Africa, the Near East, the Philippines and the far flung stretches of our United States.

It is the Family's recognition of God's Goodness: The very act of dropping a coin into the box for such a high purpose says, "We are thankful to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, who has blessed us with food, raiment, homes, friends. We acknowledge it is not only blessed to receive but also it is a blessed thing to share what we have with others." It is in very truth a "blessing box."

It brings joy: Any investment made in God's work is never lost. "What we give we have." All those who invest in the enrichment of the world's life have the assurance and joy that they have shared in the greatest undertaking in the world.

Ask your pastor for a box and literature.

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Boxes and literature may be secured from your State Conference Office or from the

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Above: A Christian home at meal time in the Philippines.

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FIRST AMERICANS

Although financial conditions made it necessary to withdraw our missionary from the Modoc Indian work, an active contact with the people for whom we have been responsible for many years is maintained through a local committee. The income from a special Indian fund, held by the Conference, is used to purchase shoes and clothes for women and children.

Churches and Sunday Schools continue to send boxes, and the result is that much suffering is alleviated and the Indians are helped to realize that their white brethren have not altogether forgotten them. It is hoped that ere long money will be found to continue the work on a larger scale.

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Women's Federation News

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churches whose women especially need the touch of a friendly hand. The women in many of the churches carry a large part of the financial responsibility of the church, and to such the many suggestions which the Federation can offer are eagerly received. Whatever service the Federation has been able to render to the churches and to the Conference is due to the cooperative spirit which exists between them, all working together for the extending of the Kingdom of God.

The officers for the current year are as follows: Mrs. A. V. Dunn, President; Mrs. E. W. Benedict, First Vice-President; Mrs. E. E. Vehrs, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, Third Vice-President; Mrs. David H. Gill, Recording Secretary; Mrs. F. F. T. Watson, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Huber Burr, Treasurer.

FREDERICK B. RIGGS

On September 19 there came an end to one of the most thrilling chapters in missionary history with the passing of Dr. Frederick B. Riggs, at his home at Oakland, California.

Ninety-nine years ago the grandfather and grandmother of Dr. Riggs began work among the Indians of western Minnesota. A language was created, a dictionary written, and the New Testament translated into the language of the Sioux. Following the great uprising in 1862, the remnants of the Indian tribes were moved to Nebraska and South Dakota. There, on the Nebraska side of the river the father and mother of Dr. Frederick B. Riggs established a mission at what was later known as Santee.

For forty-three years Dr. Frederick B. Riggs was associated with the Santee school, first with his parents and later as principal. From this position he retired about three years ago and has since made his home in Oakland.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, of the First Congregational Church of Oakland, in which Dr. and Mrs. Riggs had come to have an active church life, and by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, who told something of the history of the three generations devoted to the service of the "least of these His brethren."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 27-29—State Conference, San Jose.

November 8-11—National Preaching Mission, San Francisco and East Bay.

November 16-19 — Two-Day Preaching Mission in sixteen cities of Northern California.

November 29-December 6 — Eight-Day Preaching Mission in local churches.

ONE MAN *in an Empire*

Although the Congregational denomination has charge of the entire 3,200 square miles of Trinity County, most of the work done by our missionary, Rev. James D. Salmon, is within a radius of 52 miles. This is because the population is scattered and the roads are poor. Only about four thousand people live in this great empire, about twelve hundred of which are in the vicinity of Weaverville, the county seat and the home of the minister. Regular extension work is done at Lewiston, Hayfork, Junction City, and Hyampom, with an occasional visit to Big Bar and Peanut.

At Lewiston a semi-monthly church school is held, on Friday after regular school session, with an attendance of fifteen or twenty. The church service, for both white people and Indians, is held the same evening.

Hayfork was once a rich agricultural valley, but has slowly given way to placer mining. Rock piles have been left in the wake of farms. City dwellers have been drawn by the lure of gold, and now live in one-room houses upon creek bottoms or in gulches. They do a little mining and depend upon Government relief. Their poverty is distressing. Sunday School and church services are held each Sunday, to which some boys and girls walk barefooted many miles. Clothes, shoes, and Christian literature are distributed during pastoral calls.

Weaverville has the county high school, with an enrollment of 125, and a grade school of 100. The Sunday School has a membership of about 100, there is an active young people's society, an intermediate society, a boys' club, a high school girls' club in the making, and a well organized women's society.

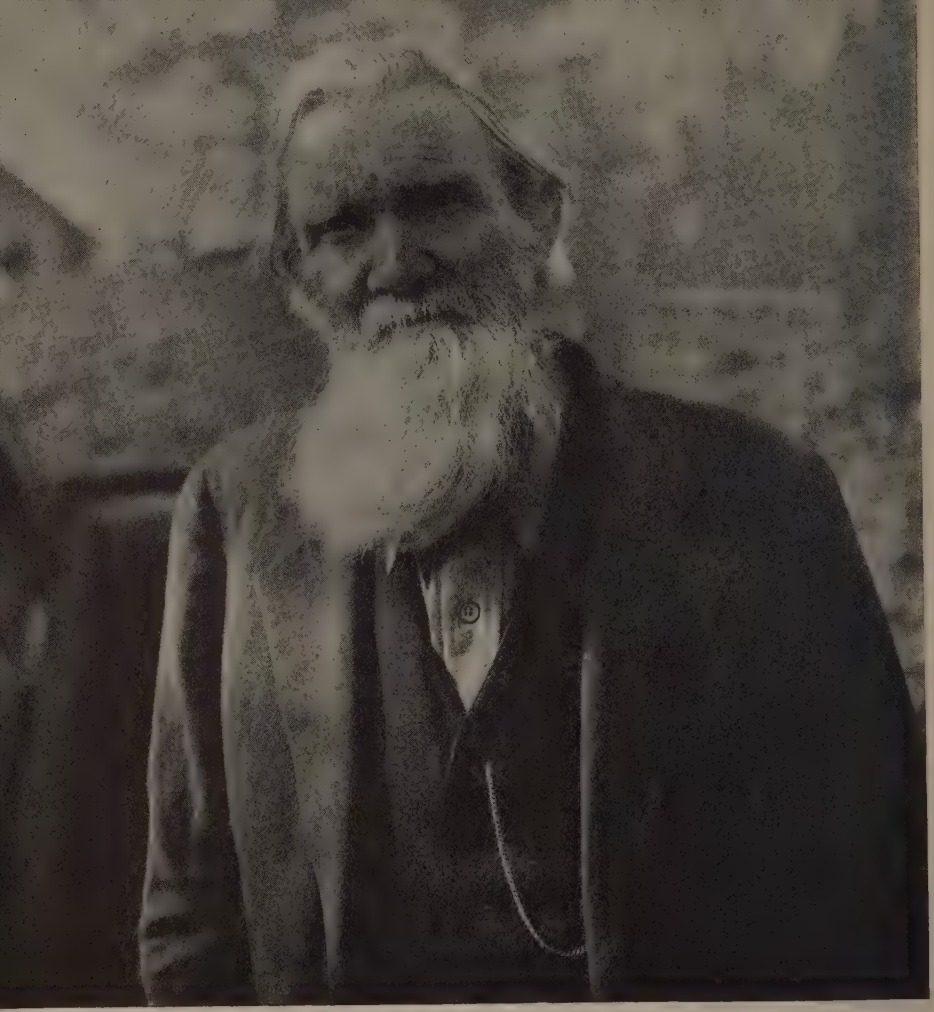
Delegates from Trinity County regularly attend Association and Conference meetings and young people's institutes.

Because of rainy weather and impassible roads during six months of the year, Mr. Salmon sees that the right kinds of material are placed in the hands of local leaders, to be used when it is impossible for him to visit outlying sections. From these communities a new Christian American youth is arising of which we may well be proud.

FRESNO STEPS OUT

A major forward step of 1936 has been the remodeling of the Fresno church building. The edifice was originally erected under the ministry of Rev. Benjamin Gould twenty-three years ago, but had become inadequate and in need of repairs. Early in the year Rev. Norman Henderson the pastor, led in a campaign to raise $15,000, which has been expended. The exterior of the building has been finished with stucco, and its appearance greatly improved by an arcade. The interior has been rebuilt and the axis changed so as to increase the seating capacity by 200. The lighting is indirect and worshipful. A new chancel and blue drapes have literally transformed the appearance of the auditorium. A new organ, claimed by experts to be the best balanced instrument in Fresno churches has been purchased with money from a bequest by the late W. A. Conn. Rededication services will be held Sunday, October 4, at which Superintendent Harley H. Gill and the Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, who for seventeen years was minister of the church, will be the principal speakers.

Dr. Henderson began the eighth year of his ministry on Sunday, September 13. Dr. and Mrs. Henderson were complimented in June, on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, by a surprise gathering of members of the church and citizens of Fresno who thronged their garden and brought with them a gift of a silver centerpiece and candlesticks.



A Faithful Veteran of the Pilgrim Spirit

Through forty-six years this Veteran of the Cross served our churches faithfully. To the church he loved and served he has given three of his sons who have followed their father in the Christian ministry.

The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief is the answer of our churches to the aged ministers and their families who served our fellowship before the establishment of the annuity fund.

Nearly 800 ministers and widows now look to us for aid. More than 200 emergency grants were made last year to families not on the regular rolls and who without the help coming from our churches would have been in dire want. Such a ministry to the faithful servants of our Church is made possible by your continued support of the Board of Ministerial Relief. Thus, your gift is doubly blessed.

Through our American Missionary Association over four thousand boys and girls are enrolled in schools which offer opportunity to the minority groups in our national life, the Negro, the Puerto Rican, the Mountaineer, the Indian.

Their fathers teach at Talladega College

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PORTERVILLE. Four sermons on "The Foundations of Living" were delivered in September by Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor. An open house is planned for every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00, with an informal program under the direction of the pastor. Fellowship, worship, discussion, study, and singing will be emphasized. In a special bulletin, published September 1, the pastor printed the subjects of forty-six sermons he had preached during the previous year, asking the members of his congregation to assist him by indicating which ones had been of greatest help.

SANTA ROSA. A delightful occasion in mid-September was the reception to the new minister, Rev. Wilfred Withington. Rev. Elmer Ingram bespoke the welcome of the churches of Santa Rosa, Rev. F. E. Boren of Kenwood represented the Association, the dean of the Junior College spoke in behalf of the schools, and Rev. George E. Atkinson represented the State Conference and the Board of Directors. Mr. Withington's address in response was enthusiastically received and friends of the church believe that days of growth and increased strength are ahead.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. "I wish I might put into words some of the enthusiasm those of us who have been in the church for years feel about the outlook for the winter's work. There are new faces every Sunday, and, for one, I feel a quickening of the spiritual life." So writes a lay member of the church. A "family" service was featured one Sunday in September, with members of the Sunday School participating in the church service, and a delightful object lesson sermon given by the minister, Rev. Harvey V. Miller.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland was welcomed by 250 people at a dinner given in his honor on his return from his trip around the world. During his absence he visited nine countries, talked intimately with two hundred different national leaders, and took motion pictures of interesting scenes. He is giving his congregation the benefit of what he has seen and heard, and is finding response in increased attendance.

SOQUEL. Better financial conditions at the close of this summer than at the corresponding period in previous years is reported for the church by the pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath. After spending $1,000 on church repairs in the past two years, attention will now be directed to the parsonage.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. The autumn quarterly meeting was emphasized as an occasion of home-coming. 120 people were present with five organization presidents and leaders giving optimistic reports of their activities. Fifteen members have been received into the church in the last six months. A young married couples' club has been developing. A new circle has been formed by the Ladies' Aid. Plans are under way to pay off all current expense deficits. The esprit de corps is excellent. Rev. E. E. Wilson is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. During the summer, Rev. O. W. S. McCall who for fifteen years has been pastor of this church, was granted a year's leave of absence as a long-delayed sabbatical. The year will be spent by Dr. McCall and his family in England. He will undoubtedly supply a number of churches, including one month at City Temple, but his major purpose is to have

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quiet and rest. Rev. Carl S. Patton of the Pacific School of Religion, former moderator of the General Council, has been secured by the church as supply pastor, and is being enthusiastically received by large congregations each Sunday. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, director of religious education, has assumed a larger share of pastoral duties.

Campbell. Groups of the church began their work in rally week with great enthusiasm. About $900 has been spent during the last three years for replacements and renovations in the church and manse. This has been under the direction of the women's group. Four youth organizations are under way, with a total enrollment of 85, and making pledges to the church of $200. Rev. Benjamin Gould of San Jose was a recent speaker to the young people. Rev. James H. Bennett, the pastor, believes that there are definite signs of a turn in affairs, both economically and spiritually.

Santa Cruz. A fall festival and homecoming drew more than 200 persons on the opening day. Following the dinner, the choir gave an interesting program. 240 were present at the rally day service of the Sunday School. Rev. James B. Orr of Oakland, and Rev. Burton M. Palmer of Saratoga, former pastors, were preachers of the day. The festival netted $800 for the benefit of the church. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor, and Mrs. Ethel Cook is the pastor's assistant.

San Mateo. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham has been called as pastor and is at work. Mr. Buckham, who is the son of Professor John Wright Buckham of the Pacific School of Religion, was for several years director of religious education at Central Union Church, Honolulu, and later Conference director of religious education in Southern California. While in this latter position he was to a large extent instrumental in the setting up of the coöperative program of religious work at the University of California, Los Angeles. After spending a number of months at Union Theological Seminary and in travel in Europe, he became pastor of the Congregational Church at North Bennington, Vermont, from which position he resigned in June of this year. Upon returning to California he was given the opportunity to supply the San Mateo Church for several Sundays, whereupon the church declared its search for a new minister at an end, and gave Mr. Buckham a unanimous call.

OUR NEWEST PROJECT

The Arlington Avenue Fellowship House, sponsored by the Northern California Congregational Conference and the Bay Association of Congregational Churches, is a community center about two miles north of downtown Berkeley, just over the line in Contra Costa County. The director is Mr. Roland C. M. Fiske, student at the Pacific School of Religion, who, with Mrs. Fiske, lives in the house and supervises its many activities. His most important work is centered around the church school, which has regular departments for all ages, the younger pupils meeting on Sunday morning and the high school and college groups in the evening. There is also an adult study class. A women's club of 100 members is exceedingly active. It holds one general meeting a month, and has seven circles devoted to special interests. A "dads' club" meets regularly each month. The house provides a meeting place for Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls and other recreation and service groups. Indeed, it is a real community center and is enthusiastically supported as such.

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The rough and ready days of '49 are still evidenced by saloons and gambling, which prohibition scarcely interrupted. Gold mines still run seven days a week, making it difficult for men to attend church. But church-going is not a popular pastime, anyway. Fortunately, no such stigma is attached to attendance at funerals. Fifty funeral services in two years have touched hundreds who would never darken a church door.

Young people's work calls for healthy recreational activities. Mrs. Corbin organized the Camp Fire Girls and has seen four groups proceed on their own power. Most young people attend the Saturday all-night dances. Even the high school lacks a gymnasium for socials and athletics. Result: many are driven by utter boredom to unhealthy types of recreation.

Last winter the C.C.C. camps offered excellent opportunities for pastoral work. In one camp attendance at discussion groups was practically 100 per cent. In Murphy last winter these boys attended young people's meetings and church services.

This summer a vacation school was pioneered in Sheep Ranch, an isolated mountain community of about sixty people. To most of the nine youngsters the story of the Good Samaritan was fresh news. Literally the whole town attended the final program. Parents were delighted with an offer of a twice a month week-day church school.

CALIFORNIA CARES FOR ITS VETERANS

For many years California Congregationalists have had their own Congregational Minister's Relief Society. It was created to give assistance to aged ministers or their widows before the annuity plan was developed, and when the National Board of Ministerial Relief was not able to care for the entire country. The affairs of the Society are under the direction of a board of directors co-incident with the Conference Board. About two-thirds of its income is from capital funds and one-third from the churches and individuals. During the past summer two of its pensioners have passed on to their reward, but the widow of one has been added to the roll. Eighteen are receiving help regularly. In some instances they are dependent upon their appropriation for a major part of their living; in others our gift supplements a pension from the National Board, and in still others it furnishes a little "pin money" to those who are dependent upon others for their living. In addition to this, California shares in the national Christmas Fund by contributing to the National Board and receiving in return a sum which amounts to an average of $40 for ministers and $32 for widows. That our church members appreciate the need and value of this service is evidenced by their generous response to the Christmas Fund appeal, to the offerings that are taken at Association and Conference meetings, and by the individual and church gifts that find their way to our treasury.

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